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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 29, 1955

The Honorable Allen Dulles
Director, Central Intelligence Agency
2430 E Street, N.W.
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Allen:

I am very appreciative of the cooperation you have already shown with several of my Task Forces in their work. As you know, I appointed Mr. Walker L. Cisler, President of The Detroit Edison Company, to head the Task Force on general industrial and power inspection. Mr. Cisler is looking into the problem of designing a plan for international inspection and reporting which would verify the production and use of strategic materials and the fabrication of armament. This plan would aim at detecting any important diversions for expanded armament in violation of an arms limitation agreement. In addition, it would endeavor to assure detection of new armament production facilities directly constructed for clandestine use or as a standby for future use in violation of the agreement.

Mr. Cisler has requested as complete a CIA briefing as possible on the current situation in the USSR with regard to energy and power. He is interested particularly in the Soviet picture but would like to have the satellite countries in eastern Europe included. He would like an appraisal of the present use of energy for both industrial and civilian purposes. He considers that information on the production and allocation of electric power is particularly pertinent to his study.

I would appreciate it if this briefing could be arranged for the middle of next week. Mr. Cisler will let me know the exact dates he could be available in that period.

Sincerely yours,

Harold E. Stassen

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